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Delaware Department of Justice Sentencing Announcement

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Department of Justice today announced sentences in the following criminal cases:

Andrew Rankin, age 28 of New Castle, pled guilty on November 23, 2008 in Kent County Superior Court to Vehicular Homicide 1st Degree, Vehicular Assault 2nd Degree, and Driving Under the Influence.

On June 13, 2008, Rankin was driving drunk on Route 1 and rear-ended a car that had stopped in the road. This incident occurred while Rankin was on probation for a Vehicular Homicide 2nd Degree that occurred in New Castle County. Rankin was arrested on June 13, 2008, by Delaware State Police.

Rankin was sentenced on January 15, 2008 in Kent County Superior Court by Judge Richard R. Cooch to 7 years and 8 months in prison. In addition, he was sentenced to Home Confinement for 1 year pending the completion of a drug rehabilitation program, followed by intensive Probation.

Robert Tielleman, age 23 of Maryland, MD, pled guilty on October 15, 2008 in Kent County Superior Court to Burglary 3rd Degree, Felony Theft, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, misdemeanor Theft.

In March, April, May, and June, 2008, Tielleman stole substantial quantities of scrap metal and wire from rural locations in Kent County and then sold the metal to a scrap yard in Maryland. He was arrested on July 1, 2008, by Delaware State police.

Tielleman was sentenced today in Kent County Superior Court by Judge James T. Vaughn, Jr. to 3 years in prison, pending completion of a drug treatment program. Upon completion of this program, he will serve 1 year of Work Release, pending completion a 2nd drug treatment program after which he will serve 1 year of intensive Probation, followed by 1 year of Probation. The Court also sentenced Tielleman to pay \$7,865.00 in restitution.

Vincent Vendetti, age 53 of Wilmington, pled Guilty but Mentally Ill in New Castle County Superior Court on November 10, 2008 to Assault 1st Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During Commission of a Felony.

On March 14, 2008, Vendetti was engaged in an argument with the victim. During the argument, Vendetti pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim multiple times in the abdomen. He was arrested by Delaware State Police on March 14, 2008.

Vendetti was sentenced today in New Castle County Superior Court by Judge Peggy Abelman to 7 years in prison, followed by 6 months Work Release, and then 18 months intensive Probation. In addition, he was ordered to have no contact with the victim and must undergo domestic violence, mental health, and substance abuse treatment.

David Wilson, age 27 of Chester, PA, pled guilty on November 3, 2008 in New Castle County Superior Court to Vehicular Assault 1st Degree, Vehicular Assault 2nd Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

On May 25, 2008, Wilson, while operating a vehicle on Philadelphia Pike under the influence of alcohol, crashed the vehicle and injured his passengers. Wilson was arrested on May 29, 2008 by Delaware State Police.

Wilson was sentenced today in New Castle County Superior Court by Judge Peggy L. Ableman to 6 months in prison, followed by 1 year of Work Release and 1 year of intensive Probation.

Carlton L. Carroll, age 40 of Elkton, Maryland, pled guilty on November 3, 2008 in New Castle County Superior Court to Home Improvement Fraud.

Between January 2008 and May 2008, Carroll took several thousands of dollars from multiple victims in New Castle County for home improvement projects. In some cases he never returned to do the work for which he had been paid and in other cases he started the project but never returned to complete it.

Carroll was sentenced in New Castle County Superior Court today by Judge Jan R. Jurden to 3 years in prison, followed by 6 months of Work Release, and then 1 year of intensive Probation. In addition, Carroll was ordered to pay \$38,620 restitution to his victims and he was barred him from doing any kind of commercial or residential home improvement work during his probation. For violating probation, Carroll was sentenced to another 90 days in prison.

THE FOLLOWING 4 DEFENDANTS WERE SENTENCED IN THE SAME CASE

Keith Cannon, age 25 of Wilmington, pled guilty on August 25, 2008 in New Castle County Superior Court to Robbery 1st Degree, Robbery 2nd Degree, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, and Conspiracy 2nd Degree.

Between January 23, 2008 and February 5, 2008, Cannon, and several others committed a series of armed robberies throughout New Castle County. Cannon was arrested on February 5, 2008 by Delaware State Police.

Cannon was sentenced today in New Castle County Superior Court by Judge Mary M. Johnston to 10 years in prison, followed by 6 months of Work Release, followed by 10 years Probation.

Alex Chapman, age 20 of Wilmington, pled guilty on August 25, 2008 in New Castle County Superior Court to Robbery 1st Degree, Robbery 2nd Degree, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, and Conspiracy 2nd Degree.

Between January 23, 2008 and February 5, 2008, Chapman and several others committed a series of armed robberies throughout New Castle County. Chapman was arrested on February 5, 2008 by Delaware State Police.

Chapman was sentenced today in New Castle County Superior Court by Judge Mary M. Johnston to 6 years in prison, followed by 6 months of Work Release, followed by 5 years of Probation.

Kyle Wellington, age 18 of Wilmington, pled guilty on August 25, 2008 in New Castle County Superior Court to Robbery 1st Degree, Robbery 2nd Degree, Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony, and Conspiracy 2nd Degree.

Between January 23, 2008 and February 5, 2008, Wellington and several others committed a series of armed robberies throughout New Castle County. Wellington was arrested on February 5, 2008 by Delaware State Police.

Wellington was sentenced today in New Castle County Superior Court by Judge Mary M. Johnston to 10 years in prison, followed by 6 months of Work Release, followed by 10 years of Probation.

Marion Woodward, age 17 of Wilmington, pled guilty on August 25, 2008 in New Castle County Superior Court to Robbery 1st Degree, Robbery 2nd Degree, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, Assault First Degree, and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony.

Between January 23, 2008 and February 5, 2008, Woodward and several others committed a series of armed robberies throughout New Castle County. Woodward was arrested on February 5, 2008 by Delaware State Police.

Woodward was sentenced today in New Castle County Superior Court by Judge Mary M. Johnston to 13 years in prison, followed by 6 months of Work Release, followed by 10 years of Probation.

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